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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests - Leases - Coupes for manufacture of charcoal
Lease to Canara Public Convevance Co., Ltd., Mangalor
Granted.

FOREST **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Minor Forest Produce - Charcoal - Supply - increase Lease of fuel coupes in South Kanara - sanction requested.

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ENCLOSURES.
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Ref. No. 6881/41.E.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 4th November 1941

From (Name) W.G. Dyson Esq., I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department.

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government in Memorandum No. 19779-c/41-1, dated the 26th July 1941 to increase the supply of charcoal, enquiries made by the District Forest Officer, South Kanara to offer additional fuel coupes, showed lack of interest on the part of the firewood contractors, in buying coupes merely for the production of charcoal. The question was discussed by the Collector and the District Forest Officer with the principal bus and lorry owners, and the details of arrangements arrived at have been reported to Government by the Collector in his R.O.C. No. 6910/41.B1, dated the 3rd October 1941. A copy of the District Forest Officer's report, since received, is submitted to Government.

2. The Collector and the District Forest Officer have proposed to lease to the Canara Public Conveyance Co., Ltd., 400 acres of coupes, selected by the Company, which would yield about 2,130 tons of charcoal, at an acreage rate, based on the outturn of charcoal priced at Rs 2-8-0 per ton. This works out to Rs 5,325 for the 400 acres, or an average of Rs 13-4-0 per acre.

3. According to G.O. No. 1266, Development, dated the 14th July 1941 sale by private treaty is allowed subject to the condition that the rates accepted in such cases are not less than the average of the preceding three years. The rate proposed in the present lease is lower than those of the normal coupes, which were Rs 24-6-0 in 1940-41 and Rs 41-9-0 in 1941-42. The coupes proposed to be sold are comparatively poor class forests, not normally saleable, and the price offered cannot therefore be compared with those obtained for the regularly worked coupes.

It is therefore requested that Government be pleased to sanction the proposals for the lease of the 400 acres of fuel coupes to the Canara Public Conveyance Co., Ltd., on the terms specified above.

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FOR CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
MADRAS

Enclosure.

Copy of letter from the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, R.C. No. 2589/41-C2 dated the 17th Oct. 1941.

Subject: Industries - Producer gas plant - supply of charcoal.
Ref. Chief Conservator's No. 6881/41-E., dated the 4th August 1941.

I submit herewith a copy of the report of the Collector of South Kanra, R.O.C. No. 6910-41-B1., dated 3rd October, 1941 which was submitted to Government. The report deals with the discussions which we had with the principal bus and lorry owners and the arrangements that can be made for the supply of charcoal.

2. In my report No. 2589/41.C2., dated 13-9-1941 submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, I indicated after a very detailed investigation that South Kanara offers scope for the production of 8000 tons per annum for the next ten years and I have already selected 34 felling series. Further enquiries with the firewood contractors showed utter lack of interest in buying additional coupes merely for the production of charcoal, a commodity that has not established a value in the local market and as charcoal production demands a considerable amount of new organisation, labour and capital out of proportion to the ordinary firewood supply, contractors expressed plainly that they would work the coupes only for firewood for which there is always a ready market, and if it was made obligatory to burn charcoal only, they are not prepared to buy any coupe at all. In these circumstances, the proposals made by the Collector after a thorough examination of the whole question offer undoubtedly, the best practical solution at the present moment.

3. These proposals are briefly summarised below.

(i) It is expected that 55 to 60 buses out of 110 or so will be converted to run on producer gas and some 30 lorries out of a total of 60.

(ii) The total consumption of charcoal is estimated to be 400 tons a month or 4800 tons a year.

(iii) The Managing Director of Canara Public Conveyance Company, Ltd., Mangalore who are the principal owners of ~~the~~ buses and lorries will enter into a direct contract with the Forest Department for working the coupes for charcoal.

(iv) The Managing Director is given the option of selecting as many coupes as are required and conveniently located with reference to the traffic routes.

(v) The period of lease will be from the date of execution of agreement to the end of May 1943.

(vi) The Managing Director will pay for each coupe an acreage rate based on the outturn of charcoal estimated by the District Forest Officer, the charcoal being priced at Rs 2-8-0 per ton.

(vii) The usual conditions of the Fuel coupe agreement as regards felling, removal etc. will be observed.

(viii) The Managing Director will also sell charcoal, after allowing for his requirements to other buses and lorries at such rates as may be fixed by the District Forest Officer.

I have since had a letter from the Managing Director of the Canara Putlic Conveyance Co., Ltd. that he is agreeable to these conditions. He has for the present selected 8 coupes of 50 acres each to give an yield of 2,130 tons. I give below the names of the coupes, estimated yield of firewood and charcoal and the rate per acre that has to be levied.

Name of Coupe.	Area Acres	YIELD				Price per acre.	Total.
		Firewood		Charcoal			
		Per Acre.	Total.	Per Acre.	Total		
		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Rs	Rs
Kasaragod Range:							
Kanakamajilu	50	36	1800	$7\frac{1}{5}$	360	18	900
Pumale	50	36	1800	$7\frac{1}{5}$	360	18	900
Puttur Range:							
Anegundi	50	36	1800	$7\frac{1}{5}$	360	18	900
Kaniyarmale	50	24	1200	$4\frac{4}{5}$	240	12	600
Uppinangady Range							
Suvarmale.	50	30	1500	6	300	15	750
Dharmastala	50	30	1500	6	300	15	750
Karkal Range							
Chinkramale	50	9	450	$1\frac{4}{5}$	90	$4\frac{1}{2}$	225
Bakudihola	50	12	600	$2\frac{2}{5}$	120	6	300
Total	400	...	10650	...	2130	...	5325

5. The yield of firewood is at best an ocular estimate and I had worked out the yield even before this proposal was thought of. The yield of charcoal is estimated to be 20 % of the yield of firewood. I have made no deductions for inferior grades of firewood, which gives low grade charcoal as at this stage of experimentation it is hardly possible to suggest what grades of charcoal and of which species can actually be used as motor fuel.

6. The 8 annual coupes comprising an area of 400 acres would bring in a revenue of Rs 5,325 or an average of Rs 13-4-0 per acre. They are poor class forests outside the normal fuel fellings giving hitherto no revenue to Government The price of fuel coupes realised during 1940-41 was on the average Rs 24-6-0 per acre and during the current year the price is Rs 41-9-0 per acre. Comparatively the rate offered by the Managing Director for initiating a new enterprise that must be regarded as a national necessity, is quite reasonable. Besides, I have 26 annual coupes giving a total annual cut of 1165 acres or an yield of over 5000 tons of charcoal. As demand increases the Managing Director of the Canara Public Conveyance Co., Ltd., may be given the option of buying additional coupes on the same terms subject to the condition that the period of lease ends in May 1943.

7. I request that these proposals may kindly be approved and sanction of Government obtained as early as possible. The Managing Director of the Canara Public Conveyance Co., Ltd., is very keen on making this experiment, and he wishes to start immediately orders can be obtained.

Endorsement of the Collector of South Kanara thereon Ref. No. 6910-41-G1, dated the 20th October 1941.

Forwarded.

As my report to Government, a copy of which has been enclosed, will show, these proposals embody the result of a joint consideration of the matter by me and the District Forest Officer. The proposals have my fullest support. And I request that the sanction of the Government may be obtained as early as possible.

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Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Cotacamund Circle, Ref. No.A.2392/41., dated the 25th October 1941.

Forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

1. I am glad a definite proposal for providing a fairly large quantity of charcoal has been found possible in South Kanara and this is due to the interest taken by Collector and District Forest Officer.

2. The rates for coupes may be accepted, especially as this is the first venture of its kind. The coupes offered are not normally saleable and so the price we realise for regularly worked coupes (vide paragraph 6 of the District Forest Officer's report) cannot be expected.

3. This trial will give us some data for the future and any modifications considered desirable, will be proposed by the Working Plans Officer who is expected to take up this question when revising the Working Plan.

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Rev. Dept.

Memo No. 30622.C/41.1 dated 15.11

Forests - Leases - Coupes for manufacture of charcoal. Lease to Canara Public Conveyance Co. Ltd Mangalore - Proposals.

From the C.C.F., Ref. No. 6881/41.E dated 4.11.'41.

The C.C.F. is requested to state whether there is any objection to the lease in the present case taking the form of an order of grant under the Crown Grants Act, and if not, to submit a draft order of grant for the approval of the Govt.

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To the C.C.F.

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FOREST Department

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From (Name) W.G. Dyson Esq., I.F.S.,

To The Secretary to Government,

Designation Chief Conservator of Forests,

Station Chepauk, Madras.

Development Department.

Enclosures:

Reference No. 6881-41-E dated 24th November 1941.

Sir,

Subject: Leases- coupes for manufacture of charcoal- Lease to Canara Public Conveyance Company.

Reference : Government Memorandum No.30622 C/41, dated the 15th November 1941.

The lease proposed is not a "land lease", but merely a contract for the right to fell and remove the growth in a specified area. The area will be worked under the ordinary fuel coupe agreement, given in Appendix 27 of the Forest Department and Account Code. The lease proposed should not therefore be in the form of a grant under the Crown Grants Act.

24.11.41

for Chief Conservator of Forests.

Dev. Dept.

Forests - Leases - Coupes for manufacture of charcoal - Lease to Canara Public Conveyance Co. Ltd., Mangalore - Proposals.

(C. No. 30622. C/41).

From the C.C.F., Ref. No. 6881/41-E, d. 4.11.41

To Under Secy.,

The Collr. and the D.F.O., South Kanara propose to lease to the Canara Public Conveyance Co. Ltd., 400 acres of coupes selected by the Company, at the rate of Rs. 13.4.0 per acre for the manufacture of charcoal. The C.C.F. supports the proposal and requests the approval the Govt. for the same

2 The rate of the norm coupes were Rs. 24.6.0 per acre in 1940-41 and Rs. 41.9.0 per acre in 1941-4 But the coupes proposed to be leased to the Company at present are reported to be comparatively poor class forests, which are not normally saleable. They cannot therefore be expected to fetch th normal price. It is also reported that th firewood contractors are not readily willin to ~~accept~~ buy the coupes for the manufactu

of charcoal. For orders whether in the circumstances the proposal of the Coll. and the D.F.O. may be approved. ~~Subject to orders, aeroplane order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to the Fin. Dept. for acceptance before issue.~~

3. Recently the Govt. decided that the procedure under the Crown Grants Act should be adopted in future for all leases of land under the control of the Forest Dept. It is not clear whether there is any objection to following the same procedure in this case also. The C.C. may be consulted on this point. A draft Memo is submitted for approval.

After issue of the Memo, the file may be sent to Fin. for remarks on the main proposal.

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[Issued as Memo. No. 30622-C/41-1, dated 15-11-41]

It may be approved.
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Dev. U.O.No. 30622-C/41-2
18.11.41

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 NOV 1941
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (Accts)

[Please see Memo. on pp 61-62 of G.O. at (4)]

In view of ~~[illegible]~~ what is stated at A and B on page 1 ante, the proposal of the Development Deptt to lease to the Camara Public Conveyance Company Ltd., 400 acres of Coupes selected by the Company at the rate of Rs 13-4-0 per acre for the manufacture of charcoal may be agreed to (see also portion 'x' of the letter from the D.F.O; S. Kanara, on page 4 C/F and the latter's letter dt. 24.11.41. on the same page)

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Dev. Dept.

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(C.No. 32759.C/41) From the C.C.F., No.6881.41.E, d. 24/11/41.
To Under Secy.,

[Notes from page 1 above].

p.t.c.f.

The C.C. states that the proposed lease should not be in the form of a grant under the Crown Grants Act but that an agreement in the form given in Appendix 27* of the Forest Dept. and Account Code will have to be executed. For orders whether the Govt. may agree with the C.C. Subject to orders, a draft order is submitted for approval.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 25 NOV 1941 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. 26 NOV 1941 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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READ *ALSO* :—

C.No. 30622.c/41 From the C.C.F. Ref., No. 6881/41-5 dated 4.11.1941.

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Order Ms. No. 2204, dated 1/12/1941

The proposals of the Chief Conservator of Forests to ~~for the~~ lease, to the Canara Public Conveyance, Ltd., Co. comprising an area of 400 acres of ~~coupes~~, selected by the Company, at an acreage rate based on the outturn of charcoal valued at Rs. 2.8.0 (Rupees two and annas eight only) per ton, ~~are~~ is approved.

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